

This proposal would, if adopted, accomplish several things that have been widely discussed since the first talk of the present license restructure in 1997.

1. Combining Novice, Tech, and Tech+ into one license with HF privileges and expanded privileges above 50 MHz for the present Novice eliminates two "orphan" license classes and may serve to rekindle interest among many who might still have a valid license in these classes, but are not active.

2. Combining the Advanced and Extra also makes sense in that it was widely recognized that the Advanced technical exam was, in many ways more comprehensive than the Extra written exam at the time when both were being administered. Also, everyone holding an Advanced class license has passed a 13-WPM code test (unless there were medical waivers) and, this would eliminate another orphaned license class.

This leaves 3 active and tested for license classes and no orphaned classes.

Some thoughts:

The new Technician class should have a bit more HF phone privileges than is stated. 10 meters will be relatively useless and unpopulated for the next 3-4 years. Perhaps some phone privileges on 12, 15, 17, and one other lower band might be in order.

The vast majority of these licensees are of the no code Tech class and there does not seem to be much to be gained by giving them CW / Digital only spectrum below 10 meters. If they had an interest in learning the code, they would have done it.

I also think that the General class privileges should expand to absorb the present Advanced class allocations as the Advanced will cease to exist. The Novice and Tech+ have already passed the now standard code test. The Tech+ does not get any more spectrum in this proposal while the Novice gets all VHF and up privileges.

My suggestions notwithstanding, I fully support the aims and implementation of RM-10807 and would ask the FCC to act favorably on it.

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